

Applying It In My Life Group time – 30 minutes

1. As Jesus talked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, they later reported that “our hearts were burning within us while He talked to us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us” Has your heart ever burned with insight from God’s word? What was it that you learned which impacted you so greatly?
2. What parallels can you find between the story of Peter’s denial (John 18:17-27) and the story of his restoration story (John 21:15-19)? What does Peter’s restoration reveal about Jesus’ heart? Describe a time in your life where you felt unforgiveable because of something you had done? How did God work in your life to restore your relationship with Him or with others?
3. What does Jesus’ resurrection from the dead reveal about God’s power over sin and death? How are our lives changed by Jesus’ resurrection? What difference does it make in your life knowing that Jesus is alive today?

Prayer Time Group time - 15 minutes

Praise Jesus for conquering death on the cross. Thank God for fulfilling His promise to redeem and restore His people. Ask God to continually remind you that “in Christ” your sins are forgiven and you are made new. Ask God to give you boldness to share the message of the resurrection with those who have never heard it.

Finish your prayer time by praying for the needs of those in your *Growth Group*. Take a few minutes to share prayer requests. Ask someone in the group to record your prayers so that in future weeks you can see where God is answering your prayers. Share about where God has answered any previous prayer requests.

THE STORY *The Best Day Ever*

Low Expectations

Luke 24:1

- People have been UNDERESTIMATING Jesus ever since.

Supernatural Surprises

Luke 24:2-12

#1 The Stone was Rolled Away

Luke 24:2

- God can move the BIG rocks in your life, if you let Him.

#2 Jesus’ Body was Gone

Luke 24:3

- God is at WORK around us, even if we don't know it.

#3: Angels Appeared

Luke 24:4-5

- These supernatural angels were an AWESOME sight to behold.

#4 Jesus Rose From the Dead

Luke 24:5-8

- Jesus purpose was to PURCHASE our forgiveness, freedom and forever.

#5 Others Did Not Believe

Luke 24:9-12

- It’s the lasting VALUE that makes a day the very best.
- Easter is all about LIFE, and it is all about Jesus!

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GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of April 21-27, 2014

Getting Started.....Group time - 10 minutes

1. Share about a time in your life when you knew something was going to happen but you were still surprised and amazed when it actually did occur. Why were you still surprised? What did you learn from this experience?

Getting Into God's Word..... Group time - 35 minutes

Read *The Story*, Chapter 27 (In preparation to answer questions)

1. Read John 19:31-35. What details did John include in the crucifixion story for his readers to know for certain that Jesus had truly died? List everything you have learned about Jesus' resurrection body from this chapter. Why is Jesus' literal, physical resurrection a non-negotiable teaching of the Christian faith?



2. Read John 19:38-42. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus sought the body of Jesus from Pilate. How did they prepare the body for burial and where did they bury Jesus? What risks did they take in doing this? How did Nicodemus' relationship with Jesus change over time and what might account for that change? (John 3:1-18)
3. Read Mark 16:1-8. Why did Mary Magdalene, Mary and Salome go to the tomb early in the morning? What did this indicate about what their expectations were regarding Jesus' resurrection? Instead of a dead body they discovered an angel. What were they told regarding Jesus and what they should do next?
4. Read John 20:24-29. Thomas is often referred to as "doubting Thomas" because he refused to believe his fellow disciples' testimony. Then, after seeing Jesus, he confessed, "My Lord!" Why do you think Thomas' reputation is justified or do you think he has been unjustly labeled? Why does Jesus suggest that those who have never seen but still believe are greatly blessed?
5. Read Matthew 28:16-20. What does Jesus' Great Commission require of all His disciples? What are the various ways the disciples could obey this command? How did the disciples respond to Jesus' command?